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Also attached is a declaration by Per Torling of Cummins-Allison Corporation ("Cummins") describing experimental testing that was conducted between January 1, 1991 and May 19, 1991. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through

telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), enclosed is a check in the amount of \$240.00 for the fee for filing this Information Disclosure Statement. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. AWD 01-2508/CUMM:139--1. A duplicate of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

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